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SUBJECT: LOPEZ PORTILLO TO VISIT GUATEMALA COSTA RICA
AND VENEZUELA

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF AP NOTICE APPEARING 2:20 PM
EDT: BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: PRESIDENT ELECT JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO
(JLP) WILL TALK WITH US PRESIDENT GERALD FORD IN WASHINGTON AND
WILL VISIT VARIOUS LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES BEFORE ASSUMING
OFFICE, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY. SOURCES CLOSE TO JOSE LOPEZ
PORTILLO SAID THAT HE WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT FORD SEPTEMBER
24. BEFORE THEN HE WILL VISIT GUATEMALA PROBABLY FROM THE
17TH TO THE 18TH OS SEPTEMBER, COSTA RICA ON THE 19TH AND
20TH AND THEN GO TO VENEZUELA TO SPEAK WITH PRESIDENT
CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ. THE SOURCES SAID THAT THE DATES ARE
STILL NOT FIRM. SIMILAR OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE MADE BY
THE GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA, GUATEMALA AND VENEZUELA WITHOUT
MENTIONING DATES. JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO WILL BE IN-
AUGURATED ON DECEMBER 1. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE
LOPEZ PORTILLO VISIT TO GUATEMALA, COSTA RICA AND
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VENEZUELA ARE JUSTIFIABLE ON MERITS ALONE, TIMING SUGGESTS

JLP WISHES TO PUT VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN CONTEXT OF HIS
FORMING CONTACTS WITH LEADERS OF COUNTRIES WITH WHICH
MEXICAN REGIONAL RELATIONS ARE MOST IMPORTANT, NOT AS
OVERTURE DIRECTED SOLELY TO US. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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